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## **Governor Scott Walker Tours Storm Damaged Communities**

**Madison** – Today, Governor Scott Walker toured damage in New London caused by storms earlier this week, which affected Brown, Clark, Chippewa, Jackson, Outagamie, Marinette, Monroe, Waupaca, Winnebago, and Wood counties.

"Recent storms caused damage in many communities, and it was important for us to show our support for those impacted," Governor Walker said.

The following state agencies have been directed to assist local communities:

- Wisconsin Emergency Management will work with local communities to review damage, coordinate resources, and apply for any assistance they may be eligible to receive. Updated information on the storm event can be viewed at: <a href="https://www.emergencymanagement.wi.gov">www.emergencymanagement.wi.gov</a>.
- *Department of Administration* will work with communities to make emergency assistance funds available to eligible homeowners for rehabilitation. Funds for qualifying businesses will also be made available as well as funds to repair public infrastructure, where eligible. Local communities should work with the Division of Housing to apply.
- Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection will connect affected farmers with crop damage and livestock shelter needs for assistance and counseling through its Farm Center and Animal Health Division. The connection can be made by dialing 800-942-2474. More information can be found using this <a href="mailto:link">link</a>.
- Office of Commissioner of Insurance will make available assistance for property owners filing claims. Homeowners can contact the OCI helpline for assistance with their homeowner insurance coverage. Individuals can visit <a href="www.OCI.wi.gov">www.OCI.wi.gov</a> or call 1-800-236-8517.
- Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority will provide access to emergency funding for local assistance organizations giving assistance to affected residents. For more information, homeowners can contact WHEDA at 800-562-5546.
- *Department of Transportation* will work to make funds available for infrastructure repair. Staff are inspecting and documenting the impacts and damages to existing infrastructure.
- *Department of Health Services* will continue to be in contact with local organizations and the Hospital Program Manager to provide assistance.

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